

**Bulletin # 102656**

**Our Lady of Fatima  
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**Attn: Carol Smith**

**MESSAGES:**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 21-22, 2009**

# **Fatima Mirror**

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This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured to death in U.S. Abortuaries

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*John 6:53 Jesus said to them, " Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*

**Parish Lenten  
EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR  
Every Wednesday  
6:00 to 7:00  
in the evening**



## **Prayer intention this week:**

All parishioners, relatives, friends, residents of the 5th Ward, and the caregivers of those suffering from the disease of

### **DIABETES**

Saint Josemaria Escrivá was born in Barbastro, Spain, on January 9, 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood in Saragossa on March 28, 1925. By divine inspiration, he founded Opus Dei in 1928. On April 27, 1954, Josemaria suffered a near fatal anaphylactic shock. He inexplicably survived the incident and after having suffered with diabetes for over 10 years, Josemaria was miraculously cured of the disease. He died June 26, 1975, of natural causes and was canonized on October 6, 2002. Saint Josemaria Escrivá is recognized today as the patron of those who suffer with diabetes. His feast day is June 26th. Saint Josemaria Escrivá, Pray for Us.

It was October 2, 1928, the feast of the Guardian Angels. Father Josemaría would never forget the sound of the church bells...

He was doing a retreat during these first few days of October. A little less than a year earlier his family had moved to Madrid. They were living in a small apartment supported only by whatever he could earn. Without neglecting his ministry among the poor and sick, Father Josemaría tutored private students and taught courses in Canon Law and Roman Law at the Cicuéndez Academy. On top of that, he continued working towards his doctorate in law. That week, after his September examinations, seemed an opportune moment to attend the retreat being offered for diocesan clergy in the central house of the Vincentians.

On October 2, after Mass, Fr. Josemaría returned to his room and began to put his notes in order:



resolutions and inspirations taken down during his prayer, and meditated upon many times already. There, suddenly, he saw the long-awaited will of God. He always used the verb to see on the rare occasions in which he referred to that supernatural intervention: it was an intellectual vision of Opus Dei such as God wished it to be and as it would be down through the centuries.

What did he see? In an ineffable way, he saw people of every nation and race, of every age and culture, seeking and finding God right in the middle of their ordinary life, their work, their family, their friendships. People who looked for Jesus in order to love him and to live his holy life until they were completely transformed and made into saints. Saints in the world. A tailor saint, a baker saint, an office saint, a factory worker saint. A saint, seemingly like everyone else around him, but deeply identified with Jesus Christ. A person who directs all his activity to God, who sanctifies his work, who sanctifies himself in his work and sanctifies others through it. A person who Christianizes his surroundings, who with warm simple friendships also helps his neighbor to come closer to Jesus — someone whose Christian faith is contagious.

It was an overwhelming vision, a vision of the baptismal vocation lived to the full. Ordinary Christians, the laity, becoming apostles, who speak of God with naturalness, who raise Christ to the peak of every human activity. Everyday people who assume in all its depth a participation in the priesthood of Christ by offering the sanctifying sacrifice of their entire lives every day.

He envisioned a way of holiness and apostolate to serve the Church, for all of this was the Church and nothing but the Church. The will of God was clear: open up to persons of any age, civil status, and social condition a new possibility of vocation for the Church right in the middle of the street. It was a vision of the Church that promised to bear abundant fruit of holiness and apostolate the whole world over. This would come about because Christians in the world would be able to renew the world without separating themselves from it in the least.

**In 1954 Josemaría Escrivá miraculously recovered from the serious diabetes which he suffered for ten years.**

**MONEY MATTERS**

**First Sunday in Ordinary Time (March 15)**

269 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,945.10 of which \$ 245.50 accounted for "loose".

# Envelopes In Circulation 231 # Used 106 # Unused 125

1. Spaghetti Profit \$ 281.01

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

Potato & Cheddar Cheese

**PIEROGIE SALE**



**\$5.00 Per Dozen  
Wednesday, March 25**

from

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM



**Pick up at the Rectory**

**2010 12th Avenue - Altoona**

*All orders must be received by Monday, 12:00 Noon  
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**SSPP Cemetery Cleanup after March 27**

Please remove all decorations you want to keep before that date.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 23-29, 2009**

Monday	03/23	08:00 AM	John Gallace, Maureen & Don Miller	<i>Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop</i>
Tuesday	03/24	08:00 AM	Robert Seidel, BGHS Campus Ministry	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Wednesday	03/25	08:00 AM	Donald Carnell, Sr., Adros, Dorazio, Myers Fam	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>03/25</u>	<u>06:00 PM</u>	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Thursday	03/26	08:00 AM	Health of Lois Riley, Riley Family	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Friday	03/27	08:00 AM	Betty O'Connor, Merle & Joan Hirt	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>03/27</u>	<u>06:00 PM</u>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Saturday	03/28	04:30 PM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Sunday	03/29	09:00 AM	Ted Zaczek, B-day, Sister	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Sunday	03/29	11:00 AM	Don Shuma, Bernie & Jane Shea	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>